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one Thousand Eight hundred Eight hundred and fifteen the said Wager is to be a free woman — according to the true intent and meaning thereof — I also do make and ordain this my last Will and Testament and have hereunto signed and affixed my seal this the twenty fifth day of June in the year of our Lord one Thousand Eight hundred and three —

Signed Sealed and acknowledged
in the presence of us
Thomas Tongue
James his mark Erickson

Elizabeth her mark Simmons (Seal)

Anne Arundel County Sct. } Then Came Thomas Tongue and James Erickson the two Subscribing Witnesses to the within last will and Testament of Elizabeth Simmons late of Anne Arundel County deceased and made oath on the Holy Evangely of Almighty God that they did see the Testatrix therein named make her Mark and Seal this Will and Testament that at the time of her so doing she was to the best of their apprehension of sound disposing mind Memory and understanding and that they respectively subscribed their names as witnesses to this will in the presence and at the request of the Testatrix and all in the presence of each other

Sworn before Jno Gassaway Regr Wills A A County

In the Name of God Amen I John Gassaway (son of Nicholas) of Prince Georges County Maryland being in perfect health of Body and mind knowing the uncertainty of this Life & intending shortly to depart, have thought proper to make this my Last Will and Testament for the purpose of disposing of what worldly property Almighty God has been pleased to bless me with — In the first place I recommend my Soul to God, and my Body I wish to have decently buried in my Grave Yard that on my place called Cotters desire to Wm. Gassaway, and on the day of my Interment I wish a Sermon to be preached at my Funeral by some Respectable divine of the Protestant Religion, I hereby give and bequeath all my Real and personal Estate to the following persons, except what I give unto my daughter Caroline Gassaway (Daughter of Eliz Newman) hereafter mentioned, and my Servant Peter — Viz. one half of my Estate real and personal with the above Exceptions I give and bequeath unto my loving and affectionate Sister Mary Gassaway during her Life and after her decease to the Lawfull heirs of her Body, the other half with the above exceptions I give and bequeath unto my loving and affectionate Sister Sarah C. White during her life and after her decease to the Lawfull heirs of her Body — If my Sister Mary should die without Issue I give and bequeath her part of my Estate to my Sister Sarah during her Life and after her Decease to the Lawfull Heirs of her Body & if my Sister Sarah shall die without Issue, I give and bequeath unto my Sister Mary her part of my Estate during her life, and after her decease to the Lawfull heirs of her Body, But in Case both of my two Sisters shd die without Issue in that Case I give and bequeath unto my Daughter Caroline Gassaway one Half of my Estate during her Life and at her Death to the Lawfull heirs of her Body, and the other half I give & bequeath unto my Relations who would be entitled to it by

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the Laws of the Country, and to the Lawfull heirs of their Bodies — I give and bequeath unto my Daughter Caroline Gassaway the sum of fifteen pounds per annum until she arrives to the age of fifteen years, and then ten pounds per annum till she arrives to the age of Twenty years, when ever she Marries I give her the sum of thirty pounds, the Legacies to the sd Caroline are to be paid out of my Estate, by my two Sisters or their heirs, It's my wish and desire that the said Carolines annual Legacy shall be paid to her Mother or whoever has the Care of her which is to be applied to the Educating & Supporting of her, which will be sufficient if properly managed — My old Faithfull and valuable Fellow Peter I set free at my Death and give him three pounds which I request my Sisters or their Heirs to pay out of my Estate — It's my wish and desire that all my Just debts shall be paid and as soon as possible as I am Considerably involved and principally on acct of my Mary and my Brother in Law Wm. White, I advise my two affectionate Sisters or their Heirs to pay off all my debts as soon as possible by Collecting all moneys that may be due to my Fathers Estate I have also claims to me & if that shd not be sufficient I think they had best sell my personal property for a Sale, Wm. White's part of the Bonds & Notes and acts that belonged to my Fathers Estate, and also his part of the Bonds and Notes that were taken for property sold by the Representatives of Nicholas Gassaway Deceased he has given me a Bond of assignment for, because I became Answerable for several Debts of his therefore his part is to be applied to the payment of my Debts, I hereby acknowledge this to be my last Will and Testament in witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & Seal this 13th day of February in the year of our Lord Eighteen Hundred —

Signed Sealed and delivered
in the presence of
Richd J. Duckett
Benjn Hodges
William Wells

John Gassaway (Seal)

Anne Arundel County Set } Then Came Benjamin Hodges one of the Subscribing witnesses to the within last will and Testament of Dec'd John Gassaway late of Anne Arundel County deceased, and made Oath on the Holy Evangely of Almighty God that he did see the Testator therein named sign and seal this Will and that he heard him publish pronounce and declare the same to be his last Will and Testament that at the time of his so doing he was to the best of his apprehension of sound disposing mind memory and understanding, and that he together with Richard J. Duckett who is since deceased, and William Wells the other subscribing Witness respectively subscribed their names as Witnesses to this Will in the presence and at the Request of the Testator, and all in the presence of each other —

Sworn before Jno Gassaway Regr Will
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